

WILLIAM H. HARRISON

1841 - 1841



William Henry Harrison was born in 1773 in Virginia. He studied medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Philadelphia. He joined the army in 1791 and was active in Indian fighting in the Northwest (Ohio was the Northwest Frontier). Harrison won a victory over the Indians at the Battle of Thames, where Chief Tecumseh was killed during the War of 1812.

Anna Symmes Harrison was born in 1775 and grew up in the East. In 1795 she went to Ohio with her father where she met and married Lt. William Harrison without her father's consent. The Harrisons had eight children.



President William Henry Harrison won fame as an Indian fighter and a hero of the War of 1812. Following his resignation from the Army in 1814, he pursued a career in politics and diplomacy, but was not well-known. In 1840 he won election to the presidency. One month after his inauguration he caught pneumonia and on April 4, 1841, he died at Washington, D. C.

Due to illness, Anna Harrison did not go to Washington after her husband's election. The president asked his widowed daughter-in-law, Jane Irwin Harrison, to act as his hostess until Anna's expected arrival in May. After Harrison's death in April, Anna did not make the trip but remained at home in North Bend until she died in 1864.

Arizona Timeline

1841 – Disputes between the United States and Mexico continue over the land from Texas through California.